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SUBJ: VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE "KEEPING ALIVE" GARRISON DIVERSION  
PROJECT, ACCORDING TO CANADIAN PRESS STORY.

1. BOTH WINNIPEG DAILIES GAVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE MARCH 31 TO  
CP STORY FROM WASHINGTON LINKING VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE TO EFFORTS  
TO KEEP GARRISON DIVERSION PROJECT ALIVE. WINNIPEG TRIBUNE HEADLINED  
MONDALE BACKS GARRISON "WITH CAPTION CARTER'S POLICY  
UNDERMINED?" WHILE FREE PRESS TITLED ITS STORY "MONDALE KEEPING  
GARRISON ALIVE."

2. SOME EXCERPTS:

"THE UNITED STATES' LARGEST ENVIRONMENTAL GROUPS CHARGED THURSDAY  
(MARCH 30) THAT VICE-PRESIDENT WALTER MONDALE IS UNDERMINING  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S OPPOSITION TO WASTEFUL WATER PROJECTS.  
ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERS SAID MONDALE HAS BEEN A POWERFUL HIDDEN FORCE  
KEEPING ALIVE NORTH DAKOTA'S CONTROVERSIAL GARRISON DIVERSION  
PROJECT, WHICH WOULD POLLUTE MANITOBA WATERS.

JOHN BURDICK, DIRECTOR OF THE CITIZENS COMMITTEE ON NATURAL  
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RESOURCES, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THAT CARTER STARTED HIS PRESIDENCY  
EARLY LAST YEAR STRONGLY OPPOSED TO COSTLY AND HARMFUL WATER PROJECTS,

BUT THE INFLUENCE OF MONDALE AND INTERIOR SECRETARY CECIL ANDRUS  
HAD PRODUCED A SEEMING RETURN TO "THE OLD POLITICS OF PORK AND  
OF SACRIFICING RIVERS, STREAMS AND WETLANDS TO THE DEMANDS OF  
NARROW GROUPS OF POWER BENEFICIARIES."

BURDICK SAID THE 24 NATIONAL CONSERVATION ORGANIZATIONS THAT FORM THE COALITION FOR WATER PROJECT REVIEW ARE MOST DEEPLY CONCERNED BY DECISIONS MADE RECENTLY ON THE GARRISON DIVERSION AND THE FOOTHILLS PROJECT NEAR DENVER.

(STORY THEN GOES ON TO OUTLINE MAJOR OBJECTIONS TO GARRISON, AND INDICATES THAT CANADIAN GOVERNMENT WILL DELIVER AN OFFICIAL LETTER TO THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT WITHIN A FEW DAYS ON THE MATTER.)

BRENT BLACKWELDER, WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY CENTRE, HAD THE HARSHTEST WORDS FOR MONDALE, SAYING THE VICE-PRESIDENT REFUSED TO MEET CONSERVATION LEADERS "WHILE DOING THE BIDDING OF WESTERN GOVERNORS AND WATER PROPONENTS ON THE BILL."

"RATHER THAN SEEKING TO CARRY OUT WATER POLICY REFORM AS THE PRESIDENT HAS DIRECTED, THE VICE-PRESIDENT HAS BEEN SEEKING TO COMPROMISE MAJOR DECISIONS AND TO WEAKEN THE THRUST OF POLICY INITIATIVES."

"MONDALE'S INTERFERENCE RUNS ALL THE WAY FROM INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS LIKE GARRISON DIVERSION TO BROAD POLICY QUESTIONS SUCH AS WATER PRICING AND COST SHARING."

3. FULL TEXT OF STORY BEING POUCHED TO EUR/CAN AND EMBASSY.  
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